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Sch. Flora J. Sears, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
 Sch. Seaconnet, 17,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
 Sch. Mattakesett, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Nettie Franklin, 12,000 haddock, 47,000 cod, 3000 hake.
 Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
 Sch. Mary B. Greer, 20,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 10,000 pollock, 1 swordfish.
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, 20,000 haddock, 60,000 cod.
 Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
 Sch. Rose Dorothea, 5000 haddock, 44,000 cod, 1000 hake, 10,000 pollock.
 Sch. Elthier, 25 bbls. blue backs.
 Sch. Mary C. Santos, 10,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.
 Sch. Annie and Jennie, 9000 cod, 2000 pollock.
 Sch. Robert and Carr, 38 swordfish.
 Haddock, \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; pollock, \$1.25 to \$1.80; hake, \$1 to \$2; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.; fresh mackerel, 25 cts. each.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer had 100 barrels of bluebacks at Boston Saturday.
 Schs. Arethusa and Blanche were at Canso on Friday and sailed, both clearing for the Newfoundland coast.

The traps at Liverpool, N. S., took 10 barrels of mackerel Friday and a few were taken at Lunenburg.

Mackerel Notes.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., was the only seiner at Boston early this morning. She has 80 barrels of salt mackerel which she carried out with her last trip and 500 large fresh mackerel, which sold at 25 cents each.

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SPOKE MANY BANKERS.

All Were Finding Squid and Fish Scarce on Quero Bank.

Skippers All Complaining Bitterly of Work of Beam Trawlers.

Capt. Thomas Flannigan of the salt banker Georgie Campbell, reports speaking sch. Gladstone of Provincetown on Quero eastern shoal water recently. Her skipper reported fish and squid scarce there and sailed for the western part of the bank.

Capt. Flannigan also reports seeing sch. J. J. Flaherty on Quero recently. Capt. Le Blanc said that squid were scarce and fishing poor, what little there was doing being on the western part of the bank.

He also saw several of the Nova Scotia fleet and all reported the same as skippers of the Gladstone and Flaherty and were complaining bitterly about the work of the steam trawlers, which, they said were killing the shoal water fishing.

BAIT IS PLENTY.

Telegraphic Reports Received by Prominent Skipper Yesterday.

Regarding the bait situation, the following telegrams were received here yesterday by one of the leading skippers of the salt bank fleet.

From Burgeo, N. F., the word was that there were plenty of squid there and three vessels baited there Saturday.

From St. Pierre, Miquelon, reported plenty of squid since 15 days ago, selling 20 cents per hundred. Few schooners there from the different banks, having had good fishing.

From Liverpool, N. S., the report was plenty of squid at Lunenburg and plenty of herring at Port Matoun, although the heavy gale Sunday may have broken them up.

Another Advance in Rips Cod.

The fare of Rips salt cod of sch. Thomas Brundage sold to William H. Jordan & Co. at \$4.25 per hundred weight for large and \$3.25 for mediums. This is a five cents raise on the large fish.

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Another Salt Banker Home.

Sch. Georgie Campbell, Capt. Thomas Flannigan, arrived home Saturday evening from a salt bank cod fishing trip with 200,000 pounds of salt cod. All but two of the salt bank fleet, schs. Arcadia and Judique, have now been home from their first trips.

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GOT SKY HIGH PRICES.

Sch. Electric Flash Lucky Craft with Fresh Mackerel.

Struck Bare Market and Will Profit Well Accordingly.

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, broke the fresh mackerel famine this morning by arriving here just after midnight with a nice fare, 5000 large fresh mackerel 25 barrels of salt mackerel.

Capt. Bissert reports getting his haul late Saturday afternoon on the Rips. About all the fleet set, but beside the Flash and sch. Effie M. Prior, which got a dory load, none of the others stopped any fish.

The Electric Flash got her haul off Sankaty Head and at the time about 15 sail were in the immediate vicinity.

Capt. Bissert reports that about all the fleet have been cruising between the Rose and Crown shoal and the South Shoal lightship, but on Thursday 12 sail got tired of this and started on a cruise to the southeast part of Georges.

Capt. Bissert says that there appears to be still quite a lot of fish on the Rips but that it is almost impossible to catch them, the fish being wild and the fog, almost constant, also greatly bothering the fishermen.

The Electric Flash has been doing big work, especially since coming from the Cape Shore and few if any have done better in the same time. In consequence there are very few vessels now ahead of her and Capt. Bissert is right up in the front rank, which is very gratifying to his many friends.

The Rippers which come from the eastern part of Georges report no sign of mackerel. They also spoke several of the swordfishermen who had been hanging on the southeast part of the bank and they reported no mackerel there.

At Boston yesterday the Yarmouth steamer had 140 barrels of fresh mackerel from the traps at Liverpool, Lunenburg and vicinity. From Cape Cod, 45 barrels were also sent up yesterday. Some horse mackerel also came up on the Yarmouth boat.

Capt. Roy Kimball has sent down the fore topmast on sch. Hattie M. Graham and is fitting that craft for a mackerel trip to the North Bay, being the first vessel to get ready to go there this season.

A telegram received here yesterday from Tignish, P. E. I., in answer to an inquiry regarding mackerel around here says, "Hear of nothing here; codfishermen have seen none and we hear of none anywhere."

Another telegram from North Sydney, C. B., says, "Nothing reported around here lately."

Sch. Charles A. Dyer at Boston Sunday with a load of bluebacks, taken off Plymouth, culled out 400 mackerel from among the lot.

The fresh mackerel of sch. Electric Flash were sold to A. F. Rich of Boston at 21 1-2 cents for large and 15 cents each for mediums. The fish will be shipped to Boston.

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FINE FISHING.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton Makes Quick Two Week's Trip.

Found Spot of Codfish on "Horse Shoe" of Western Bank.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. William H. Thomas, arrived yesterday afternoon from Western bank, with a fine fare, 160,000 pounds of fresh codfish.

The fare was caught in very quick time. The vessel left here two weeks ago last Thursday and went to Provincetown for a baiting of squid, sailing from there the following Monday, so that she has been only two weeks out.

The vessel fished on the northwest prong of the bank, around what is known as the "horse shoe," and struck fine fishing. No squid were seen on the bank and none were found in the fish. Capt. Thomas reports seeing no vessels excepting two when he first came on the ground, but he was not near enough to make them out.

The trip is a fine one and Capt. Thomas is keeping up what everybody expects of him quick trips and big fares.

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Shack Trip Sale.

The fare of sch. Richard sold to Lane & Smith at \$2 per hundred weight for large fresh cod, \$1.60 for mediums, \$3.80 for large salt cod and \$3.15 for mediums.

It Sounds Well.

In discussing the new Canso, N. S., steam trawler, one of the directors of the company said recently: "Something had to be done to increase the interest in fishing as a profitable industry and the trawler may do it. The work is made less hazardous, and the ship being strong, comfortable, clean, and, on the whole, a pleasant place to live, it may make our young men more disposed to take up deep sea fishing."

It is proposed to have a display at the provincial exhibition of the strange fish brought up by the steam beam trawlers. A. H. Whitman, of Halifax, has been appointed superintendent of the whole fisheries exhibit. —New York Fishing Gazette.

England's Fisheries Show Falling Off.

The total value of the fish landings on the coast of the United Kingdom for the first half of this year have not, when compared with those for the corresponding period of the year before, the favorable appearance of the figures twelve months ago. In fact, the grand total for the three kingdoms, 4,876,715 pounds, shows a decline, 299,694 pounds, almost as big as the increase recorded, 319,956 pounds, this time last year, while the half-yearly 1907 total showed in 1905 a rise of no less than 615,421 pounds.

A Mighty Good Thing.

United States government employes have located the much needed buoys along the Merrimac river channel, and a long felt want has been at last filled, as will be attested to by the owners of motor boats on the river and navigators in general who have to operate boats.

Canso Steam Trawler Going Salt Banking.

The trawler Wren has returned to Canso and is now fishing at Quero, on a salt fishvoyage. It is claimed she has been doing good average work ever since her arrival on this side of the Atlantic. Her catch will be landed at Halifax.

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A Curious Fish.

A curious fish was taken recently from Job's trap at St. Johns, N. F. It measures about 3 1-2 feet from head to tail and about 2 feet across, while it resembles a young harp seal in size. The most extraordinary thing about it is the tremendous mouth, which is capable of receiving a 30-pound butter tub, easily. The back is dark brown and glossy, as if varnished, while the bottom part is almost white. There are two small hands underneath, resembling a child's, and apparently were used in crawling along the bottom. It has two powerful fins like a seal's flippers, while for a tail it has a scudder. The head is flat, with the eyes in the top.

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Grimsby Steam Trawlers Doing Poorly.

It is said that Grimsby steam trawler owners are being very hard hit by poor catches and unremunerative sales. As an illustration of this, one large firm of trawler owners states that for the first six months of the year the earnings of their boats are down to 5,000 pounds below last year, and that they did not do worse during the great fishing dispute. According to the present outlook there will be few if any dividends at Grimsby this year, and leaders of the trade state that the crisis an acute one.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Electric Flash, Rips, 5000 large fresh mackerel, 25 bbls. salt mackerel.
 Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Clara G. Silva, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.
 Sch. Marsala, Rips, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
 Steamer Mystery, shore, 100 bbls. bluebacks.
 Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Western Bank, 160,000 lbs. fresh cod.
 Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, swordfishing.
 Sch. Reliance, shore.
 Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.
 Sch. Bryda F., shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins and Illinois, seining.
 Sch. Almeida, Rips.

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Todays Fish Market.
Round pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; gutted 80 cents.
Salt bank cod, large \$3.75, mediums, \$3.10
Salt Rips, cod, large, \$4.20, mediums, \$3.25; snapper \$2.
Salt Georges cod, large \$4.25, mediums, \$3.25.
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$3.87 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Grand Bank fresh cod, \$2.00 per cwt. for large, \$1.60 for mediums.
Bank halibut 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 4 1-2 cts. for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Fresh mackerel, 24 1-2 cts. each for large and 15 cents for mediums.
Late caught salt mackerel, \$14.50 per bbl.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.80 per cwt. for large and \$3.15 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2.30; mediums, \$1.75; Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.65; haddock, \$1.00; hake, 85 cts.; pollock, to 80 cts.

Boston.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 20,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Sch. Laura Enos, 500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Hobo, 30 swordfish.
Sch. Eva Ayina, 500 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet, 1500 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1500 pollock.
Sch. Harvester, 4000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Mand F. Silva, 10,000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 1600 pollock.
Sch. Good Luck, 45,000 cod, 1000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 2000 pollock.
Sch. William A. Morse, 4000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.10 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.75 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.80; hake, \$1.75; pollock, \$1.50; swordfish, 12 cts. per lb.

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FOUGHT A SWORDFISH.
Stanley McGrath Had Lively Encounter with Big Swordfish.
Stanley McGrath, one of the crew of sch. Robert and Carr, which arrived at Boston, yesterday, had a desperate battle with a swordfish while alone in his dory on the boat's last trip. He had made preparations to haul it aboard, when all at once the fish made a lunge at the dory and drove his sword into the bottom about midships. Luckily McGrath was in the stern of the dory at the time, and to this fact alone he owes having escaped injury.

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CREWS COMING HOME.
Two Steamers Bringing Newfoundlanders from Labrador.
Over 1100 Will Lose Practically Season's Work.

The crew of the 40 fishing vessels which were wrecked by a hurricane off the northern Labrador coast in the early part of last week, have been taken aboard the Newfoundland cruiser Fiona and the tourist steamer Virginia Lake, and are now on their way south to their homes in Newfoundland.
The Virginia Lake has 980 fishermen and members of their families who were "on Labrador" for the summer fishing season, while the government cruiser has 113 others.
Many of the wrecked men suffered greatly from exposure and hunger at isolated points along the barren northern shore before rescuers reached them. The reports of the disaster which have thus far reached St. John's are still meagre, but it is evident that the loss in vessels and fishing gear was greater than in any storm in recent years. As far as is known only three lives were lost.

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Mackerel at Liverpool.
They are still catching mackerel at Liverpool, N. S., and 150 barrels were shipped from there Saturday.

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SWORDFISH AND DOGFISH.
Former Impales Several on His Sword in Battle.
Interest on T wharf, Boston, yesterday centered first on a 400-pound swordfish brought in by sch. Galatea.
The crew swear to a man the swordfish was engaged in a fierce battle with a pack, no school, of 50 dogfish when he was taken aboard. Sch. Galatea was engaged in handline fisheries off Chatham last Saturday, when one of the boat crews noticed the fight and prepared to take a hand in it by going back to the schooner and getting a harpoon.
Before the harpoon arrived, however, the swordfish, by skilful thrusts in fierce and carte, had impaled a number of his enemies on his weapon. He was taken in with several dogfish hanging on to him.

TOOK ANOTHER RISE.
Part of Trip of Salt Mackerel Bought at \$21 per Barrel.
Salt mackerel took another meteoric raise yesterday, when the Gloucester Mackerel Co. paid \$21 per barrel for 10 barrels of the fare of sch. Electric Flash and \$8.75 per barrel for 21 barrels of the same fare. About all the fish were large and the high price was paid for the best quality fish.
Last sales of late caught salt mackerel were at \$14.50 per barrel.
Sch. Colonial arrived here yesterday afternoon with 40 barrels of salt mackerel.
The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., at Boston, sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., at \$11 per barrel, and was shipped here.

Had Fun with a Swordfish.
One swordfish was brought by rail from Stonington, Conn., to Boston yesterday, and one was brought in by sch. Rita Viator.
The fish was whole, and was put on exhibition in the store of Robert O'Brien & Co., where it was surrounded by Pythians in uniform. The jokers of the wharf got to work at it, and before it had been long on view it was surrounded with drawings showing it being lassoed in a tree, and signs telling of its capture all the way from Franklin field to Labrador.

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CAPTURED A GRAMPUS.
Trap Men at Provincetown Had a Tough Battle.
A grampus, one of the whale species, made a hot fight for life in Blatchford's weir, Provincetown harbor, yesterday, when attacked by the full weir crew armed with axes and other boat implements. It was 18 feet long, and was sold after its death to David C. Stull, who will put it on exhibition on the flats below his residence.
The great grampus did not die until after Blatchford's crew had realized that they were in a fight.
The grampus entered the trap during the night. When the motor boat entered the bowl, or innermost inclosure, the crew found it very much alive and ready for business. It took 30 minutes of the hardest endeavors to effect its death, which was only brought about by a rain of blows from an axe, swung by a husky member of the crew a score or more of times upon the head and neck of the animal. After the exhibition Mr. Stull will extract the valuable jaw oil of the creature and convert it into a lubricant for time pieces.

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Whale in Beverly Harbor.
Still in the waters of the Beverly and Salem harbor is the large whale which measures about 450 feet, and has been seen by hundreds of people, who have been out in motor, row and sail boats to get a look at the animal.
At Dog's Bar Monday evening the whale came near being marooned. It is said that party is to be organized to go out and try to make a capture.
It is thought that there are a school of whales in the harbor. The whale which has been seen in the harbor has a large spear of swordfish harpoon iron sticking out from his back and it is very evident that some one has been trying to capture it.

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FISHERMEN DROWNED.
Two Newfoundland Crews Lost on St. Paul's Island.
A dispatch was received at North Sydney, C. B., Monday by Capt. J. W. Gordon of the Canadian government cruiser Gladiolator from Samuel Campbell, superintendent of St. Paul's island, stating that two Newfoundland fishing boats with crews of three men each, were lost during the heavy gale Sunday night, and asking that the government render assistance. The names of the men are unknown.

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A short time ago, we had occasion to speak editorially and otherwise of the advent of the Nova Scotia steam trawler Wren, of the account of her first trip. also of the strong protest of the Canso fishermen against it. On these occasions the tone of the articles rather leaned toward the side of the fishermen.
Since writing the articles referred to, Gloucester has had this steam bean trawling brought home to her with considerable force, for according to the last reliable news from Quero bank, our big fleet of salt bank dory handliners, some thirty sail in all, are now doing practically nothing there and all because their favorite shoal water fishing spots on the bank, both on the eastern and western ends and on the Middle ground, where the water is 50 fathoms and under, is being so diligently swept day after day by the beam trawls of the French steam fishing craft, that they are badly handicapped, and what promised to be an extra good season on that bank has been suddenly checked by reason of a scarcity of fish, which scarcity, the captains of our dory handliners, as well as the captains of the Nova Scotia bankers, all agree is caused by the speedy, relentless scouring of the bottom, on these favorite fishing spots, by the beam trawls of these steamers. Now comes the word that the Nova Scotia beam trawler Wren is also to engage in this same salt fishery, making one more to contend against.
On the work of this dory handline fleet depends whether success or failure will be written against the salt bank season of 1908 for this year the dory handliners far outnumber the trawlers, so that the question of these beam trawlers and their work in dragging their net over the fishing grounds day in and day out is brought right directly home to us, and we are in the same boat as the Nova Scotia fishermen.
Gloucester vessel owners and fishermen, as a whole, have always been opposed to steam trawlers on general principles, and things have apparently come to the pass where some action needs be taken to limit the scope of their operations, or in some way prevent their use altogether, on this side of the Atlantic.
Such a thing is, of course, almost impossible to do and would require concerted international action on the part of a great many countries. Here, and in Nova Scotia, there is a firm belief that the operations of these beam trawlers is detrimental to and indeed threatens almost the destruction of certain lines of fishing. What the feeling is in other countries, we know not, excepting that even the English North Sea fish men are beginning to wonder if they have not entirely overtone this beam trawling.
As we said before, international action is needed in order to do anything in this line and before this would be attempted there would probably be a long and careful search into the merits of the objections, before even anything resembling an official protest could be made abroad.
When the dory handliners and the Nova Scotia bankers get home this coming fall, we shall have at hand considerable more testimony than we have at present, and it is safe to say that if it even begins to bear out the present strong statements, there is good ground for believing that the protests against these steam beam trawlers may produce results.